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November 10, 2003

Ms. Penelope Bonsall, Director
Office of Election Administration
Federal Elections Commission
999 E. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: State of Florida request for waiver pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002

Dear Ms. Bonsall:

Section 303(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires each state to implement a computerized statewide voter registration list by the January 1, 2004, date specified in Section 303(d)(1)(A) of the same statute. Section 303(d)(1)(B) provides for states to request an extension of the aforementioned deadline until January 1, 2006. The purpose of this correspondence is to certify that, for good cause as outlined below, the State of Florida is unable to meet the January 1, 2004, implementation date called for in Section 303(d)(1)(A), and respectfully requests an extension of the deadline as permitted by law until January 1, 2006.

Florida has a tradition of administering voter registration at the county level jurisdiction. Each of Florida's sixty-seven counties has a constitutionally elected officer known as the supervisor of elections who is responsible for maintaining voter registration lists in their respective county. Each supervisor of elections is also responsible for determining the type of information technology appropriate for supporting voter registration activities in their jurisdiction and the manner in which registration records are maintained. The steps required to: (1) assess county-administered voter registration systems; (2) develop methods for consolidating a variety of voter registration lists with individual nuances into a single computerized statewide system; and (3) provide for future coordination of county voter registration activities with the statewide list will require more time than provided by the January 1, 2004, implementation date.

The Florida Department of State is working diligently to implement a statewide voter registration system that will meet all the requirements of Title III. Some of the steps already taken by the State of Florida in order to develop and implement a statewide voter registration system include: hiring a project director; executing agreements with our state Departments of Highway Safety

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Motor Vehicles and Law-Enforcement that outline data exchange procedures; and creating task groups comprised of county election officials and Department of State personnel in order to address technical and procedural issues relating to the creation of the centralized registration system. Given the steps already taken by the Florida Department of State and the other departments involved, and the scope of the work remaining to be done, I am confident that the State of Florida will be successful in having a statewide computerized voter registration system operational by the January 1, 2006, extended deadline requested herein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Glenda E. Hood".

Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State

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Check this link:

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Planning Element:	Element #1, Section 303 – Voter Registration System
HAVA Deadline:	January 1, 2006
Goal:	Establish a single, uniform, official centralized, interactive, computerized, statewide voter registration list which shall be the single system for storing and managing the list of registered voters throughout the state for the conduct of all federal elections.
Performance Measures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislature directs the Division of Elections to develop a statewide voter registration system that meets the requirements of HAVA;• Division of Elections begins Phase 1 of the “Florida Voter Registration System” (FVRS) in September 2003 and develops the specifications for design and implementation.• Division of Elections begins Phase 2 of the FVRS in March 2004 by prototyping and validating system components;• Division of Elections begins Phase 3 of the FVRS in March 2005 by conducting tests, revising modules, and ensuring all system components meet functional and performance standards;• Division of Elections begins Phase 4 of the FVRS in August 2005 by developing and implementing a training and education plan which will result in counties being brought on line as their election schedules permit;• Division of Elections begins Phase 5 of the FVRS in January of 2006 by providing final system documentation and by transitioning to a maintenance and support function
Timetable (if applicable):	Begin September 2003 End December 2005
Process used to develop criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public meetings hosted by the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification in consultation with supervisors of elections and other involved state and federal agencies• HAVA Planning Committee
Accountable official(s):	Secretary of State Deputy Secretary of State Director, Division of Elections Chief, Bureau of Voting Systems Certification Supervisors of Elections



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reprinted posters that are displayed in each polling place on election day to include these instructions.

Posting of instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters:

The Division of Elections updated and reprinted posters that are displayed in each polling place on election day to include these instructions.

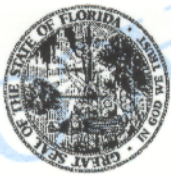
Posting of contact information for voters who allege their rights have been violated:

The Division of Elections updated and reprinted posters that are displayed in each polling place on election day to include these instructions.

Effective date for complying with Provisional Voting and Voting Information Requirements: Requirements were completed by HAVA deadline of January 1, 2004.

Element 1- Voter Registration System

Changes	Successes
The Florida Legislature has directed the Department of State to begin the development of the new Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS) that meets the requirements of HAVA. The Division of Elections has been tasked to develop the specifications for the design and implementation. A project team has been established consisting of supervisors of elections, technical experts and other agency representatives and has approved a five (5) phase project plan to be completed by the HAVA deadline.	<p>The State of Florida received an extension for the development and implementation of the computerized statewide voter registration list from January 1, 2004 to January 1, 2006.</p> <p>The Florida Legislature appropriated \$1.6 million to begin the project design and implementation of the new Florida Voter Registration System and to fund nine positions.</p>



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Help America Vote Requirement	Status:				Status: As of 6/4/04
	2003 HAVA State Plan				
Provisional ballots segregated for those who vote after special extended poll hours	X				Meets
Voter Registration--Section 303 (Compliance January 1, 2004 or extension January 1, 2006)					
Single, uniform, official centralized, interactive computer statewide, voter registration list				Does Not Meet	Does not meet
Can Florida meet January 1, 2004 deadline? Need to apply for January 1, 2006 waiver	X				Meets
HAVA's ID requirements for voters who register by mail and not previously voted	X				Meets
HAVA's requirement for voter registration language in mail registration forms	X				Meets
Local Government Payments and Activities [Section 254(a)(2)]					
Describe criteria for funding	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet	Described in Plan	Updated
Describe methods to monitor performance				X	Updated
Voter Education [Section 254(a)(3)]					
Describe voter education programs to support Title III				Described in Plan	Updated
Describe election official education and training to support Title III				X	Updated
Describe poll worker training to support Title III				X	Updated
Voting System Guidelines and Processes [Section 254(a)(4)]					
Describe Florida's voting system guidelines and processes consistent with Section 301	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet	Described in Plan	Meets
HAVA Election Fund [Section 254(a)(5)]					
Describe how Florida will establish a HAVA fund	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet	Described in Plan	Updated
Describe how Florida will manage the HAVA fund				X	Updated
Florida's HAVA Budget [Section 254(a)(6)]					
Describe costs of activities to meet Title III	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet	Described in Plan	Updated
Describe portion of requirements payment to carry out requirements activities				X	Updated
Describe portion of requirements payment to carry out other activities				X	Updated
Florida's Maintenance of Effort [Section 254(a)(7)]					
Describe how Florida will maintain election expenditures at the 1999-2000 FY	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet	Described in Plan	Updated